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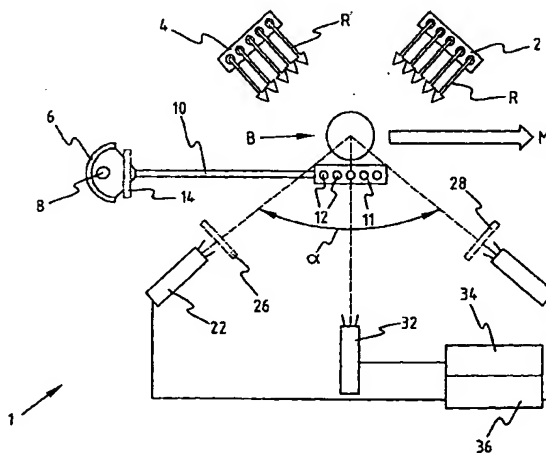
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a device for detecting the possible presence of contamination of a container with a decorative exterior, for instance provided with a labeling and/or relief patterns, for liquids such as a drink such as beer or a soft drink, comprising: - irradiating means for irradiating the container with at least a first wavelength (for instance visible light, infrared, ultraviolet, X-radiation), - recording means for recording a radiation sample of radiation after it has had interaction with at least a part of the container, - orientation determining means for determining the orientation of the container relative to the first recording means, - comparing means for comparing the sample to a predetermined reference matching the orientation of the container relative to the first recording means during the recording.

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